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Applicant(s): Stuart D. Downes, Jin Liang and Larry Norris
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SOLDERING
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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF EXAMINER INTERVIEW

Sir:

REMARKS

On September 6, 2007, the Applicant's Representative, Mr. Jeffrey J. Duquette, conducted an Examiner Interview with Examiner Kevin P. Kerns regarding the Final Office Action in mailed on July 25, 2007. We would like to thank Examiner Kerns for his time in the Interview.

During the Interview, Mr. Duquette and Examiner Kerns discussed the rejection of independent claims 1 and 26 the Final Office Action mailed on July 25, 2007. The Final Office Action utilized U.S. Patent No. 7,084,353, hereinafter Downes, in combination with U.S. Patent No. 5,829,124 to reject independent claims 1 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). As discussed with Examiner Kerns, in the Office Action response filed March 19 2007, the Applicants had fulfilled the requirements of MPEP 706.02(I)(2) overcome the Downes reference as prior art with respect to the rejection of independent claims 1 and 26. Examiner Kerns agreed that Final Office Action mailed on July 25, 2007 was, therefore, improper. Examiner Kerns indicated that the Final Office Action dated July 25, 2007 would be withdrawn. Examiner Kerns further indicated that either a new non-final Office Action or a Notice of Allowance would follow

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the Examiner Interview.

Conclusion

This Application should be in condition for allowance. A Notice to this affect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this Interview Summary, that the Application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the Applicants' Representative at the number below.

Applicants hereby petition for any extension of time which is required to maintain the pendency of this case. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-3661.

If the enclosed papers or fees are considered incomplete, the Patent Office is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (508) 616-2900, in Westborough, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,

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